**DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below at 201 et seq. beneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural names are listed at 201 et seq. below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE DRYING OF PREVIOUSLY BAKED GOODS**

and for which a patent application:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed in the United States on October 24, 2003 as Application No. 10/691,660 (declaration not accompanying application) with amendment(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)
- ☐ was filed as PCT international Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION |         |                                      |  |
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| APPLICATION NUMBER   | COUNTRY | DATE OF FILING<br>(day, month, year) | PRIORITY CLAIMED   |
|  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.


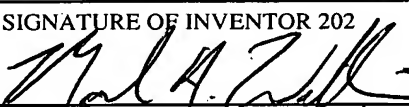
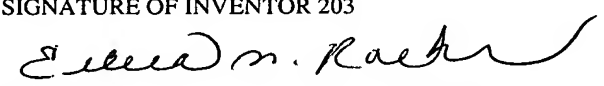

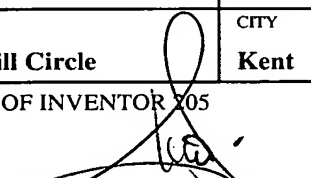
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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| 201 | FULL NAME OF INVENTOR   | LAST NAME<br><b>ZHANG</b>   | FIRST NAME<br><b>Hua</b>                       | MIDDLE NAME                            |                          |
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|     |                         | SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 201<br>    |  | DATE<br><b>Nov. 5, 03</b>              |                          |
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|     |                         | SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 203<br> |  | DATE<br><b>10/30/03</b>                |                          |
| 204 | FULL NAME OF INVENTOR   | LAST NAME<br><b>HELSTERN</b>  | FIRST NAME<br><b>Gary</b>                      | MIDDLE NAME<br><b>C.</b>               |                          |
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| 205 | FULL NAME OF INVENTOR   | LAST NAME<br><b>GUTIERREZ</b>   | FIRST NAME<br><b>J.</b>                        | MIDDLE NAME<br><b>Antonio</b>          |                          |
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|     |                         | SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 205<br>  |  | DATE<br><b>Nov 19, 2003</b>            |                          |



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In re Application of: Hua ZHANG *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 6354

Application No.: 10/691,660

Group Art Unit: 3742

Filing Date: October 24, 2003

Examiner:

For: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE  
DRYING OF PREVIOUSLY BAKED  
GOODS

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-7671

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE  
AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application hereby appoints Allan A. Fanucci (Reg. No. 30,256) and Daniel J. Hulseberg (Reg. No. 36,554) of WINSTON & STRAWN LLP (Customer No. 28765) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please direct all correspondence for this application to Customer No. 28765 to the attention of Allan A. Fanucci (telephone 212-294-3311, facsimile 212-294-4700).

An assignment of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application:

- ☒ is submitted herewith for recording and a copy is attached.  
☐ was submitted for recordation on \_\_\_\_\_ and a copy is attached.  
☐ was recorded on \_\_\_\_\_ at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_.

The undersigned has reviewed this assignment and, to the best of her knowledge, title is in the assignee seeking to take action in this application and that she is empowered to act on its behalf.

ASSIGNEE: NESTEC S.A.

Signature:

Date of Signature:

03. 11. 03

Typed Name:

Paula Nelson

Position/Title:

Vice President

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ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, each of

**Hua ZHANG**, a citizen of China, residing at 34 Morey Road,  
New Milford, Connecticut 06776;

**Mark A. WILLIAMSON**, a citizen of the United States of  
America, residing at 7 McKayla Drive, New Milford,  
Connecticut 06776;

**Eileen M. ROEHR**, a citizen of the United States of America,  
residing at 11 Ridgewood Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877;

**Gary C. HELSTERN**, a citizen of the United States of America,  
residing at 50 Butterfield Road, Newtown, Connecticut 06470; and

**J. Antonio GUTIERREZ**, a citizen of the United States of America,  
residing at 53 Studio Hill Circle, Kent, Connecticut 06757,

ASSIGNOR, is an inventor of the invention in **APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE  
DRYING OF PREVIOUSLY BAKED GOODS**, for which an application for a Patent of  
the United States, identified by Winston & Strawn LLP Docket No. 88265-7671:

- ☐ is executed on even date herewith  
☒ was filed on October 24, 2003 as Application No. 10/691,660.

WHEREAS, **NESTEC S.A.**, a Swiss corporate body having a place of business at  
Avenue Nestlé 55, 1800 Vevey, Switzerland, ASSIGNEE, is desirous of obtaining each  
inventor's entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said  
application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to each  
inventor in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is  
hereby acknowledged, each ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by  
these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its  
successors, legal representatives and assigns, his or her entire right, title and interest in, to and  
under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals  
and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon

and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries other than the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

And each ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument;

And each ASSIGNOR hereby covenants and agrees that he or she has the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he or she has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith;

And each ASSIGNOR hereby further covenants and agrees that he or she will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to him or her respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE or, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries;

And each ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes the ASSIGNEE's patent attorney to complete this form by the addition of the application number, application filing date, and attorney docket number, if necessary.

In witness whereof, each inventor has affixed his or her signature.

Nov. 5, 03  
Date Hua ZHANG

STATE OF Connecticut )  
COUNTY OF Litchfield )

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Hua ZHANG**, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

**MARGARET N. KASWER**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
**MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC. 31, 2004**  
My Commission Expires  
11/5/03  
Date Mark A. WILLIAMSON

STATE OF Connecticut )  
COUNTY OF Litchfield )

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Mark A. WILLIAMSON**, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

**MARGARET N. KASWER**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
**MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC. 31, 2004**  
My Commission Expires  
Margaret N. Kaswer  
Notary Public

In witness whereof, each inventor has affixed his or her signature.

10/30/03  
Date

Eileen M. Roehr  
Eileen M. ROEHR

STATE OF Connecticut )  
COUNTY OF Litchfield )

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Eileen M. ROEHR**, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

**MARGARET N. KASWER**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC. 31, 2004  
My Commission Expires

Margaret N. Kaswer  
Notary Public

11/3/03  
Date

Gary C. Helstern  
Gary C. HELSTERN

STATE OF Connecticut )  
COUNTY OF Litchfield )

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Gary C. HELSTERN**, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

**MARGARET N. KASWER**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC. 31, 2004  
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Margaret N. Kaswer  
Notary Public

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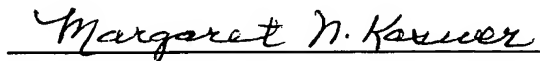
Nov 19, 2003  
Date

  
J. Antonio GUTIERREZ

STATE OF Connecticut )  
COUNTY OF Litchfield )

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared **J. Antonio GUTIERREZ**, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

**MARGARET N. KASWER**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
**MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC. 31, 2004**  
My Commission Expires

  
Notary Public